Core Content

Cluster Title: Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

Standard: Prove trigonometric identities using definitions, the Pythagorean Theorem, or other relationships and use the relationships to solve problems.

Concepts and Skills to Master

- Prove trigonometric identities based on the Pythagorean Theorem.
- Simplify trigonometric expressions and solve trigonometric equations using identities.
- Justify half angle and double angle formulas for trigonometric values.

Supports for Teachers

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Critical Background Knowledge		
Pythagorean Theorem		
Trigonometric definitions		
Academic Vocabulary		
Identity, Pythagorean Theorem		
Suggested Instructional Strategies	F	Resources
Lead students from informal arguments of geometric representations to formal two-column and algebraic proofs.		Algebraic Proofs: http://www.themathpage.com/atrig/double-proof.htm http://www.jesystems.com/mathisfun/desc_trigonometry.asp
Sample Formative Assessment Tasks		
Skill-based Task	Problem Task	
Prove:		
$\sec^2\theta + \csc^2\theta = \frac{1}{\left(\sin^2\theta\right)\left(\cos^2\theta\right)}$	Develop a formula for sin (x+y+z).	